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We Claim:

1. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:
   (a) a solubilized HIV protease inhibiting compound or a combination of solubilized HIV protease inhibiting compounds, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof;
   (b) a pharmaceutically acceptable organic solvent which comprises a medium and/or long chain fatty acid or a mixture thereof, and ethanol or propylene glycol;
   (c) water; and
   (d) optionally, a pharmaceutically acceptable surfactant.

2. The composition according to Claim 1 wherein said HIV protease inhibiting compound is (2S,3S,5S)-5-(N-(N-((N-methyl-N-((2-isopropyl-4-thiazolyl)-methyl)amino)carbonyl)-L-valinyl)amino-2-(N-((5-thiazolyl)methoxy-carbonyl)-amino)-1,6-diphenyl-3-hydroxyhexane (ritonavir).

3. The composition according to Claim 1 wherein said combination of HIV protease inhibiting compounds is 2S,3S,5S)-5-(N-(N-((N-methyl-N-((2-isopropyl-4-thiazolyl)-methyl)amino)carbonyl)-L-valinyl)amino-2-(N-((5-thiazolyl)methoxy-carbonyl)-amino)-1,6-diphenyl-3-hydroxyhexane (ritonavir) and (2S,3S,5S)-2-(2,6-dimethylphenoxyacetyl)-amino-3-hydroxy-5-(2S-(1-tetrahydropyrimid-2-onyl)-3-methyl-

butanoyl)amino-1,6-diphenylhexane (ABT-378).

4. The composition according to Claim 1 wherein said HIV protease inhibiting compound or combination of HIV protease inhibiting compounds is selected from the group consisting of:

(2S,3S,5S)-5-(N-(N-((N-methyl-N-((2-isopropyl-4-thiazolyl)-methyl)amino)carbonyl)-L-valinyl)amino-2-(N-((5-thiazolyl)methoxy-carbonyl)-amino)-1,6-diphenyl-3-hydroxyhexane (ritonavir);

2S,3S,5S)-5-(N-(N-((N-methyl-N-((2-isopropyl-4-thiazolyl)methyl)amino)carbonyl)amino-1,6-diphenyl-3-hydroxyhexane (ritonavir) and (2S,3S,5S)-2-(2,6-dimethylphenoxyacetyl)-amino-3-hydroxy-5-(2S-(1-tetrahydropyrimid-2-onyl)-3-methyl-butanoyl)amino-1,6-diphenylhexane;

N-(2(R)-hydroxy-1(S)-indanyl)-2(R)-phenylmethyl-4(S)-hydroxy-5-(1-(4-(3-pyridylmethyl)-2(S)-N'-(t-butylcarboxamido)-piperazinyl))-pentaneamide (indinavir);

N-tert-butyl-decahydro-2-[2(R)-hydroxy-4-phenyl-3(S)-[[N-(2-quinolylcarbonyl)-L-asparaginyl]amino]butyl]-(4aS,8aS)-isoquinoline-3(S)-carboxamide (saquinavir);

5(S)-Boc-amino-4(S)-hydroxy-6-phenyl-2(R)-phenylmethylhexanoyl-(L)-Val-(L)-Phe-morpholin-4-ylamide;

1 -Naphthoxyacetyl-beta-methylthio-Ala-(2S, 3S)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-4-butanoyl 1,3-thiazolidine-4-t-butylamide;

5-isoquinolinoxyacetyl-beta-methylthio-Ala-(2S,3S)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-4-butanoyl-1,3-thiazolidine-4-t-butylamide;

[1S-[1R-(R-),2S*])-N[1] [3-[[[(1,1-dimethylethyl)amino]carbonyl](2-methylpropyl)amino]-2-hydroxy-1-(phenylmethyl)propyl]-2-[(2-quinolinylcarbonyl)amino]-butanediamide;

VX-478;

DMP-323;

DMP-450;

AG1343 (nelfinavir);

BMS 186,318;

SC-55389a;

BILA 1096 BS; and

U-140690 (tipranavir),

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. The composition according to Claim 1 wherein said medium and/or long chain fatty acid is oleic acid.

6. The composition according to Claim 1 wherein said surfactant is Polyoxyl 35 castor oil (Cremophor EL®).

7. The composition according to Claim 1 wherein the solution is encapsulated into a hard gelatin capsule or a soft gelatin capsule.

8. The composition of Claim 1 wherein the solvent comprises (1) a pharmaceutically acceptable long chain fatty acid in the amount of from about 40% to about 75% by weight of the total solution; (2) ethanol or propylene glycol in the amount of from about 3% to about 12% by weight of the total solution; and (3) water in the amount of from about 0.4% to about 1.5% by weight of the total solution.

9. The composition of Claim 1 wherein the solvent comprises (1) oleic acid in the amount of from about 40% to about 75% by weight of the total solution; (2) ethanol or propylene glycol in the amount of from about 3% to about 12% by weight of the total solution; and (3) water in the amount of from about 0.4% to about 1.5% by weight of the total solution.

10. The composition of Claim 9 wherein the HIV protease inhibiting compound is selected from the group consisting of:
2S,3S,5S)-5-(N-(N-((N-methyl-N-((2-isopropyl-4-thiazolyl)methyl)amino)carbonyl)amino-1,6-diphenyl-3-hydroxyhexane (ritonavir);
2S,3S,5S)-5-(N-(N-((N-methyl-N-((2-isopropyl-4-thiazolyl)methyl)amino)carbonyl)amino-1,6-diphenyl-3-hydroxyhexane (ritonavir) and (2S, 3S, 5S)-2-(2,6-Dimethylphenoxyacetyl)

amino-3-hydroxy-5-[2S-(1-tetrahydro-pyrimid-2-onyl)-3-methyl butanoyl] amino-1,6-diphenylhexane;

N-(2(R)-hydroxy-1 (S)-indanyl)-2(R)-phenylmethyl-4(S)-hydroxy-5-(1-(4-(3-pyridylmethyl)-2(S)-N'-(t-butylcarboxamido)-piperazinyl))-pentaneamide (indinavir);

N-tert-butyl-decahydro-2-[2(R)-hydroxy-4-phenyl-3(S)-[[N-(2-quinolylcarbonyl)-L-asparaginyl]amino]butyl]-(4aS,8aS)-isoquinoline-3(S)-carboxamide (saquinavir);

5(S)-Boc-amino-4(S)-hydroxy-6-phenyl-2(R)-phenylmethylhexanoyl-(L)-Val-(L)-Phe-morpholin-4-ylamide;

1 -Naphthoxyacetyl-beta-methylthio-Ala-(2S, 3S)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-4-butanoyl 1,3-thiazolidine-4-t-butylamide;

5-isoquinolinoxyacetyl-beta-methylthio-Ala-(2S,3S)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-4-butanoyl-1,3-thiazolidine-4-t-butylamide;

[1S-[1R-(R-),2S*])-N^1 [3-[[[(1,1 -dimethylethyl)amino]carbonyl](2-methylpropyl)amino]-2-hydroxy-1 -(phenylmethyl)propyl]-2-[(2-quinolinylcarbonyl)amino]-butanediamide;

VX-478;

DMP-323;

DMP-450;

AG1343 (nelfinavir);

BMS 186,318;

SC-55389a;

BILA 1096 BS; and

U-140690 (tipranavir),

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

11. The composition of Claim 9 wherein the HIV protease inhibiting compound is ritonavir, (2S, 3S, 5S)-2-(2,6-dimethylphenoxyacetyl) amino-3-hydroxy-5-(2S-(1-tetrahydro-pyrimid-2-onyl)-3-methyl butanoyl) amino-1,6diphenylhexane, indinavir, saquinavir, nelfinavir, or VX-478.

12. The composition of Claim 1 wherein the HIV protease inhibiting compound is ritonavir or a combination of ritonavir and another HIV protease inhibiting compound.

13. The composition of Claim 12 wherein the solution is encapsulated in a soft elastic gelatin capsule (SEC).

14. The composition of Claim 1 which comprises:

(a) ritonavir in the amount of from about 1% to about 30% by weight of the total solution;

(b) a pharmaceutically acceptable organic solvent which comprises (i) oleic acid in the amount of from about 15% to about 99% by weight of the total solution and (2) ethanol in the amount of from about 3% to about 12% by weight of the total solution; and

(c) water in the amount of from about 0.4% to about 1.5% by weight of the total solution; and

(d) polyoxyl 35 castor oil in the amount of from about 0% to about 20% by weight of the total solution.

15. The composition of Claim 14 which comprises:

(a) ritonavir in the amount of from about 5% to about 10% by weight of the total solution,

(b) a pharmaceutically acceptable organic solvent which comprises (1) oleic acid in the amount of from about 70% to about 75% by weight of the total solution; and (2) ethanol in the amount of from about 3% about 12% by weight of the total solution;

(c) water in the amount of from about 0.4% to about 1.5% by weight of the total solution; and

(d) polyoxyl 35 castor oil in the amount of about 6% by weight of the total solution.

16. The composition of Claim 15 wherein the solution is encapsulated in a soft elastic gelatin capsule (SEC).

17. The composition of Claim 1 which comprises:

(a) ritonavir and ABT-378 in the amount of from about 1% to about 45% by weight of the total solution;

(b) a pharmaceutically acceptable organic solvent which comprises (i) oleic acid in the amount of from about 15% to about 99% by weight of the total solution and (2) propylene glycol in the amount of from about 1% to about 15% by weight of the total solution; and

(c) water in the amount of from about 0.4% to about 1.5% by weight of the total solution.

18. The composition of Claim 17 which comprises:

(a) ritonavir and ABT-378 in the amount of from about 1% to about 45% by weight of the total solution,

(b) a pharmaceutically acceptable organic solvent which comprises (1) oleic acid in the amount of from about 70% to about 75% by weight of the total solution; and (2) propylene glycol in the amount of from about 1% about 8% by weight of the total solution; and

(c) water in the amount of from about 0.4% to about 1.5% by weight of the total solution.

19. The composition of Claim 18 wherein the solution is encapsulated in a soft elastic gelatin capsule (SEC).

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